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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY NOW HAS FULL TEXT OF GROMYKO SPEECH REPORTED
REFTELS. OMISSIONS FROM CENTRAL PRESS VERSIONS (IN ADDITION TO
THOSE ALREADY REPORTED REFTELS) INCLUDE PASSAGES CRITICAL OF
U.S. AND /OR CAPITALIST WORLD, AS WELL AS SEVERAL REAFFIRMING
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SOVIET INTEREST IN PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. FULL TEXT

INDICATES NO CHANGE IN GROMYKO'S SOMEWHAT GUARDED REFERENCE TO DETENTE, BUT IS INDICATIVE OF RELATIVELY TOUGHER LINE BEING PEDDLED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION. END SUMMARY.

2. OMISSIONS ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS INCLUDE A PASSAGE PRAISING SALT. GROMYKO, AFTER PRAISING PNW AGREEMENT, ADDED "MUCH CAN ALSO BE SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE" OF SALT.

3. PASSAGE REPORTED REFTEL A, PARA 2, FROM ENGLISH TASS (BUT OMITTED BY CENTRAL PRESS), READS: "IT IS PROBABLY STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER THE TURN BY THE U.S. TOWARD A DEEPENING OF RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN A DECISIVE ONE. ONE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ZIGZAGS OF SOME SORT, FOR THE OPPONENTS OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE USSR HAVE NOT CEASED ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THE CLEARLY MANIFEST TENDENCY TOWARD AN IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. BUT ONE CAN SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR THEM TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF EVENTS."

4. OTHER CENTRAL PRESS OMISSIONS CONCERNING U.S. POLICY INCLUDE PASSAGE STATING THAT POLITICAL STABILIZATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA REQUIRES THAT "SAIGON AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT IT BE FORCED TO RENOUNCE THEIR ATTEMPTS TO VIOLATE THE PARIS AGREEMENTS." ANOTHER PASSAGE CONTENDS THAT THE U.S. EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH "UNCONDITIONAL" LEADERSHIP OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD, THROUGH THE DEVICE OF A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER, AND ALLIES' EFFORTS TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING, ARE EVIDENCE OF FURTHER DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WITHIN CAPITALIST WORLD.

5. RED STAR, INCIDENTLY, DROPPED GROMYKO'S ENTIRE REFERENCE TO THE UPCOMING SUMMIT.

6. ON ME, FULL TEXT OF SPEECH CONTAINS PASSAGE ON ISRAEL'S BACKERS" (REFTEL C) WHICH WAS LEFT OUT OF CENTRAL PRESS ACCOUNTS. INTERESTINGLY, SEVERAL DAYS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEFORE SPEECH GROMYKO USED SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN TELLING BRITISH AMBASSADOR THAT ISRAEL AND ITS "BACKERS" WERE RESISTING OVERALL SOLUTION.

7. ON OTHER MATTERS, CENTRAL PRESS VERSIONS OMITTED PASSAGE PROMISING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR "ALL REVOLUTIONARY AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FIGHTING IMPERIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM" AND AN ASSURANCE THAT

THIS POLICY HAS BEEN AND IS BEING IMPLEMENTED.

8. SEVERAL LUKE WARM PRO-DETENTE STATEMENTS BY GROMYKO WERE ALSO OMITTED FROM CENTRAL PRESS VERSIONS. ONE NOTED THAT FAIR PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE CAPITALIST WORLD TOWARD A REALIZATION OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, AND THAT THE PARTY SEES AS ITS TASK FURTHER PURSUIT OF THIS POLICY. STOESSEL

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